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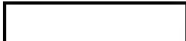
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Dominican Republic: A general strike scheduled for 2 December could pose a serious threat to the Reid Cabral regime.

Opportunistic politicians of both the right and left are fomenting the strike, in an atmosphere made more tense by Reid's recent statement that he might be a presidential candidate in the 1965 elections.

A dissident army faction which seeks to restore ex-President Balaguer to the presidency may try to use the strike as justification for a coup. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Communist elements, strengthened by the recent return of several leaders deported last spring, are planning to support the strike with acts of violence.

For the moment, Reid's position appears reasonably secure since he has the support of key elements of the armed forces. However, if the strike were prolonged and effective he might lose some military support, and the corrupt but efficient police chief, Belisario Peguero, might stand aside or throw in his lot with military dissidents. [REDACTED]

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EEC - West Germany: [West Germany is expected to inform the EEC Council of Ministers today of its agreement to the unification of Common Market grain prices]

[According to a high Ministry of Economics official in Bonn, the Germans are prepared to accept the price levels proposed by the EEC Commission a year ago, although they may initially request higher prices and insist on larger subsidies. Hard bargaining seems likely if the Six are to meet the December deadline for a final settlement insisted upon by the French and the commission. Italy also wants a better deal on various farm problems than it thinks it would get under pending proposals]

[Resolution of the grain price problem will remove a serious obstacle to EEC action on Kennedy Round matters. It remains uncertain whether, in return for their agreement on grain prices, the Germans can win definite EEC commitments for more forthcoming positions in the Kennedy Round, particularly in regard to agricultural negotiations of special interest to the US]

[From the standpoint of the community's further development, settlement of the grain price issue at this time would be another landmark. By setting in motion the common agricultural policy it would eliminate an important factor underlying present Franco-German discord. It would probably also increase pressures for--and eliminate some of the political tension preventing--further integration in the economic, fiscal and monetary fields]

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Cuba: Cuban guards along the perimeter of the Guantanamo naval base on 28 November engaged in sporadic harassment which included firing over the base area, rock throwing, and fence rattling. These actions could be the first of a series aimed at highlighting the base issue in anticipation of the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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